

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

The tragic death of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25<sup>th</sup> of this year has sparked protests and mourning across our entire nation. Peaceful protests and demonstrations are a core First Amendment value of our Democracy and are both appropriate and rightly supported.

However, at times and in certain places, appropriate peaceful protests have been followed by civil unrest and accompanying violence. Our nation has witnessed physical violence against innocent bystanders and law enforcement officers, damage to property and looting, and buildings have been set on fire with arsonist intent. While the peaceful protests are proper, the violent civil unrest that has followed some of them is criminal and a grave danger to the public.

The protests that have occurred in our City of Wilmington have largely been peaceful and proper. However, recent events have shown that some individuals have sought to incite criminal civil unrest and their actions now pose an imminent threat of severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property to the City of Wilmington.

As Mayor of the City of Wilmington, I am authorized to declare a state of emergency pursuant to Section 6-17 of the Wilmington City Code.

Pursuant to Section 6-17 of the City Code, I have determined that a state of emergency (separate and distinct from the state of emergency that is due the COVID-19 pandemic) now exists in certain areas within the City of Wilmington.

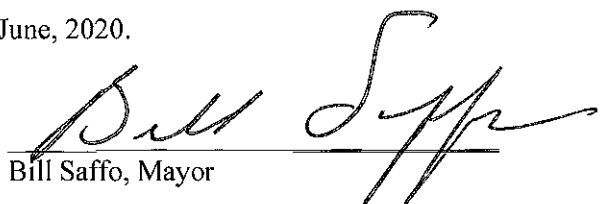
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Saffo, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, do hereby declare a state of emergency in the City of Wilmington. For the duration of such proclamation, all employees of the City of Wilmington shall be designated and recognized as emergency personnel and shall cooperate in the implementation of the City's emergency plan. During the state of emergency, the citizens of the City of Wilmington are urged to comply with emergency management advisories as issued from time to time.

The following prohibitions as authorized by Section 6-17 of the City Code, and as denoted by a check in the box that precedes each specific prohibition, shall apply within the area of this state of emergency until such time as the state of emergency is declared to be at an end or that said prohibition(s) are specifically removed:

- ☒ **Curfew:** The streets in the portion of the City on Market Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Market St. to Orange St., going from curb to curb, including any medians contained within the right of way of those streets, are now under a curfew that shall apply to the hours of 7:30 pm to 7:00 am. There shall be no foot traffic within any of these portions of streets during these curfew hours.

This proclamation shall be effective immediately.

Proclaimed at 7:30 PM. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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Bill Saffo, Mayor